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Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana’s second most populous with 78,687 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state’s third largest city with a population of 42,918. Nicknamed the “Garden City,” Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 1996 NCAA Championship Grizzly football team. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1989 was \$23,388. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average normal monthly temperatures, for example in Missoula, range from an average high of 28.0 degrees above in January to 85 above in July. The annual average precipitation is 12.82 inches.

Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Missoula County	87,130	85,670*	78,687	10.7%	8.9%
Missoula	Not Available	45,364	42,918	Not Available	5.7%

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* Revisions are available. Call if needed.

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Missoula Developmental	Sears Department Store	Western Montana Clinic
Services Corp.		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Second Quarter 1995 Unemployment Insurance Information

Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1994	47,538	45,348	2,190	4.6%
1995	47,678	45,208	2,470	5.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
Service Occupations	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,171	896	275
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trade	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	193	95	98

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Resources

Chamber of Commerce:

Missoula Chamber, P.O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6623
Seeley Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880

Department of Labor and Industry

Missoula Job Service

539 S. 3rd St. W., 406-728-7060

Job Service Job Search Information Kiosk

Missoula—Adult Learning Center, 901 S. 6th St. W.

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jds.dli.mt.gov>
City of Missoula Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

Housing Costs:

Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-0560

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers Licensing

Missoula—2100 Stephens Ave., 406-549-2514

Newspapers:

The Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200
Seeley Swan Pathfinder, P.O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2022

Public Libraries:

Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, 406-721-2665
Seeley Lake Branch Library, Seeley Swan High School, P.O. Box 416, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2224

Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 800-462-8636
The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (within Montana)

Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823, 406-258-6151
Clinton Elementary, P.O. Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825, 406-825-7844
DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-549-7266
Frenchtown Schools, P.O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834, 406-626-5762
Hellgate Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-5626
Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93 S., Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0451
Missoula Elementary, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400
Missoula High Schools, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400
Potomac Elementary, 220 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823, 406-244-5215
Seeley Lake Elementary, P.O. Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2265
Sunset Elementary, P.O. Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836, 406-244-5685
Swan Valley Elementary, HCR 31 Box 2487, Condon, MT 59826, 406-754-2320
Target Range Elementary, 4095 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-549-9239
Woodman Elementary, 520 Dorie Dr., Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0776

Missoula County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1995

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,294	41,099	Bldg Materials-Garden	40	416
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,170	33,702	General Merchandise	18	1,433
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	52	245	Food Stores	51	1,274
Agri Production/Crops	4	21	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	92	1,272
Agri Production/Livestock	8	47	Apparel & Accessories	48	265
Agriculture Services	28	104	Furniture Stores	63	520
Forestry	12	72	Eating & Drinking	229	3,790
MINING	5	29	Miscellaneous Retail	158	1,167
CONSTRUCTION	358	1,811	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	270	1,771
General Building	126	477	Banking	30	598
Heavy Construction	29	328	Credit Agencies	13	74
Special Trade	203	1,005	Security & Commodity	20	91
MANUFACTURING	175	3,497	Insurance Carriers	26	104
Food Products	11	198	Insurance Agents	63	392
Apparel	4	28	Real Estate	108	385
Lumber	69	1,279	Holding & Investments	9	124
Furniture	8	106	SERVICES	1,239	11,576
Printing-Publishing	25	374	Hotels & Lodging	55	819
Chemicals	4	40	Personal Services	64	410
Leather	3	3	Business Services	177	1,250
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	41	Auto Repair Services	82	514
Fabricated Metal	8	111	Miscellaneous Repair Services	44	193
Non-electrical Machinery	11	64	Motion Pictures	20	146
Instruments	7	97	Amusement & Recreation	76	851
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10	432	Health Services	230	3,947
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	159	2,872	Legal Services	77	424
Local Transportation	10	199	Educational Services	20	135
Trucking-Warehousing	87	1,434	Social Services	101	1,454
Air Transportation	9	140	Membership Organizations	66	544
Transport Services	19	91	Engineering Services	166	799
Communication	19	529	Private Households	49	72
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	11	273	Miscellaneous Services	6	9
WHOLESALE TRADE	208	1,957	GOVERNMENT	123	7,396
Durable Goods	151	1,218	State	23	3,042
Non-durable Goods	57	738	Local	53	3,062
RETAIL TRADE	700	10,141	Federal	47	1,291

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*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	\$3,524	\$8,728	\$14,741	\$15,772	\$16,555	\$17,635	\$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Missoula County	\$3,360	\$8,819	\$15,050	\$15,899	\$17,225	\$17,983	\$18,446
% of National Average	83%	89%	81%	83%	85%	86%	85%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

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